
HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE VETERANS OF THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE FOR
THEIR COURAGE AND SACRIFICE IN THE SERVICE OF OUR NATION.

1 WHEREAS, unknown to the general public, several thousand
2 residents from Hawaii, almost all of them Americans of Japanese
3 ancestry, served with the U.S. Army's MILITARY INTELLIGENCE
4 SERVICE in the war against Japan; and
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6 WHEREAS, these soldiers used their knowledge of the enemy's
7 language and culture as interpreters, translators, electronic
8 eavesdroppers, prisoner-of-war interrogators, cave flushers, and
9 combat infantrymen; and
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11 WHEREAS, although the MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE Nisei
12 were credited with saving countless lives and shortening the
13 war, their service went largely unheralded because of the
14 secrecy surrounding their work and the often-temporary,
15 unrecorded character of their service; and
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17 WHEREAS, they were present at the formal surrender of Japan
18 command 70-years ago this year, then played a vital role in
19 rebuilding a defeated Japan as a modern democracy and a vital
20 U.S. partner in the Pacific; and
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22 WHEREAS, the MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE veterans, with
23 their brothers in the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd
24 Regimental Combat Team, returned home to contribute to the
25 modern Hawaii we all enjoy today, including such leaders as
26 former Governor George Ariyoshi, Hawaii Supreme Court Justices
27 Masaji Marumoto and Yoshimi Hayashi, Judges Frank Takao and
28 Andrew Sato, Attorneys Ted Tsukiyama and Francis Sogi,
29 businessmen Ralph Yempuku and Kazuo Yamane, labor leader Koji
30 Ariyoshi, educators Teichiro Hirata and Richard Kosaki, and
31 thousands of others who contributed to our Hawaii Nei; and



BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, that this body commends the veterans of the MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE for their courage and sacrifice in the service of our nation, expresses its gratitude for their invaluable contributions to modernize Hawaii, and extends its best wishes for a successful National Reunion. ,

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